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THIS IS MR. ATOM'S TURF.. A FORBIDDEN ZONE.. A HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF BLACK-ENED, CONTAMINATED RUBBLE THAT WAS ONCE A GOLDEN CITY...



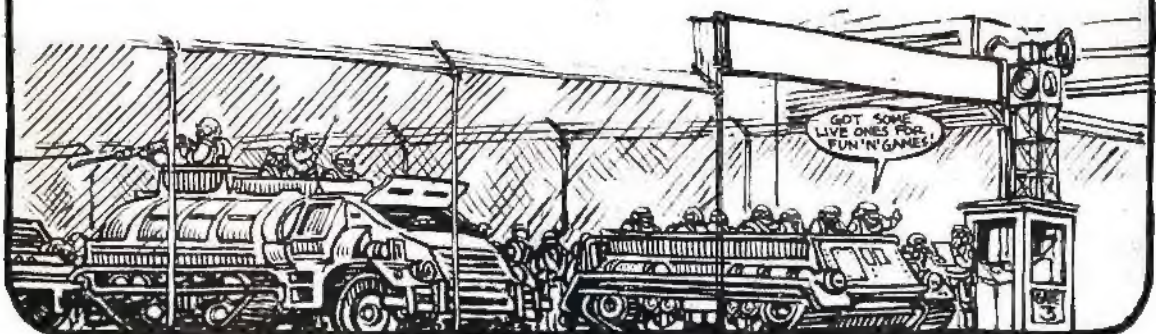
.. A CITY THAT LIES ABANDONED, INHABITED ONLY BY RENEGADE MUTANTS, THE SURVIVORS OF A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST ..



NOTHING MOVES UPON THE POISONED WASTELAND EXCEPT THE PATROLS .. THEIR JOB IS TO ROUND UP THE SUB-HUMANS FOR "RELOCATION" .



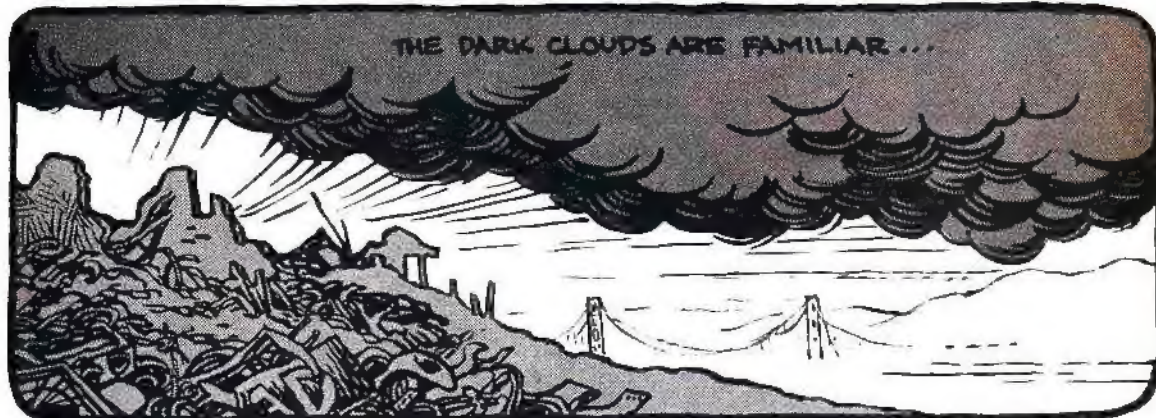
.. SOME ARE PROCESSED FOR "STUDY"...



.. OTHERS ARE ELIMINATED .. FOR THE GOOD OF HUMANITY ..



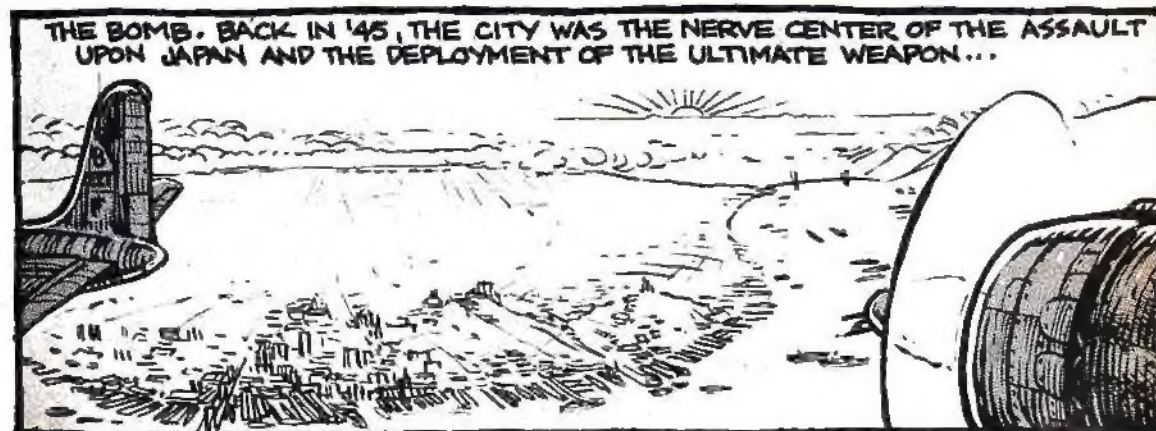
THE DARK CLOUDS ARE FAMILIAR ...



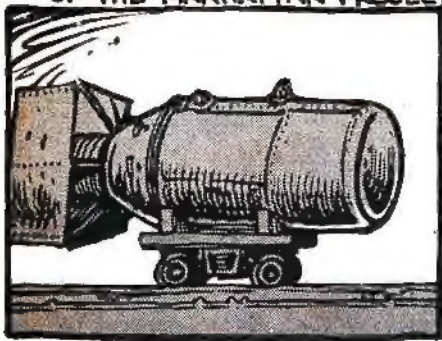
ONE DAY THE EARTH SHOOK .. THOUSANDS DIED INSTANTLY ..



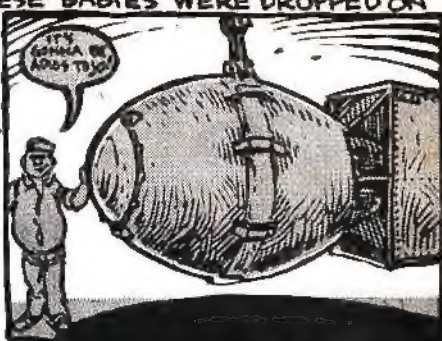
THE BOMB. BACK IN '45, THE CITY WAS THE NERVE CENTER OF THE ASSAULT UPON JAPAN AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE ULTIMATE WEAPON...



WHO WANTS TO THINK ABOUT THE TERRIBLE REALITY OF THE ATOMIC BOMB, MUCH LESS DISCUSS IT? MEET THE "LITTLE BOY" AND THE "FAT MAN", BRAIN CHILDREN OF THE MANHATTAN PROJECT. BY THE TIME THESE BABIES WERE DROPPED ON



HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT JAPAN WAS PREPARED TO SURRENDER. THE U.S. JUST COULDN'T PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THE ULTIMATE TESTING GROUND.



8-4 Km. from ground Zero:
INJURY AND DEATH FROM
COLLAPSE, DEBRIS, &
BURNS.



4-3 Km.: SPONTANEOUS
COMBUSTION OF FLAMMABLE
MATERIAL

MYTHIM
PERSONAL
YOUNGER
STAND



2 Km.: MASSIVE DAMAGE
TO ALL STRUCTURES DEATH
FROM BLAST & HEAT.



1 1/2 Km.: COLLAPSE OF
STEEL-FRAME RE-ENFORCED
CONCRETE STRUCTURES
90% FATALITIES.



1 Km.: ALMOST TOTAL
DESTRUCTION &
DEATH.



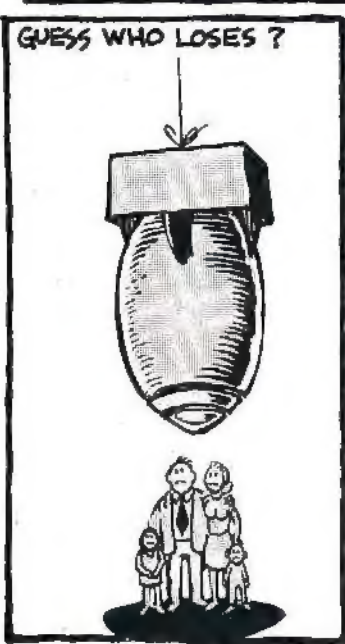
Ground Zero:
VAPORVILLE.

WELL, AT LEAST THEY NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT 'EM.
FUNNY, DEEP FRIED JAPANESE LOOK JUST LIKE
DEEP FRIED HONKIES.. EITHER WAY IT'S TEMPURA TIME...



WELL, THAT WAS A WHILE AGO. SINCE THEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN HAVE KISSED AND MADE UP. MEANWHILE, THERE'VE BEEN DEVELOPMENTS. I MEAN, THE SCIENCE BOYS AIN'T EXACTLY BEEN SITTING ON THEIR THUMBS. IN THE LAST FEW DECADES THE U.S. HAS LOST ITS MONOPOLY ON THE BOMB. NOW SOME OF THOSE IRRATIONAL, UNSTABLE, UN-WHITE COUNTRIES GOT IT TOO. IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF HEALTHY COMPETITION, ATOMIC WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT HAS BOOMED!

MERCY MAMA
TOO HOT TO HANDLE..



IT'S GOTTEN SO OUT OF HAND THAT NEITHER "SIDE" CAN "WIN" AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR WAR, AND EVERYONE KNOWS IT ... AT LEAST, NOT IF WE USE THE "BIG ONE".

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IT'S HARD TO KEEP A GRIP...

...THERE ARE NOW ENOUGH ATOMIC WEAPONS TO DESTROY THE WORLD 600 TIMES OVER!

HA HA HA GREAT JOHNNY!

HA HA HA CLAP CLAP CLAP

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**BUT WHY WORRY A-
BOUT CANCER?**

FUKIT! I'M GO-IN' TO TH' DISCO!

HOLD ON,
DONALD!

WAK!

DO THE FUNKY
DUCK, DONALD.

HOLD ON,
DONALD!

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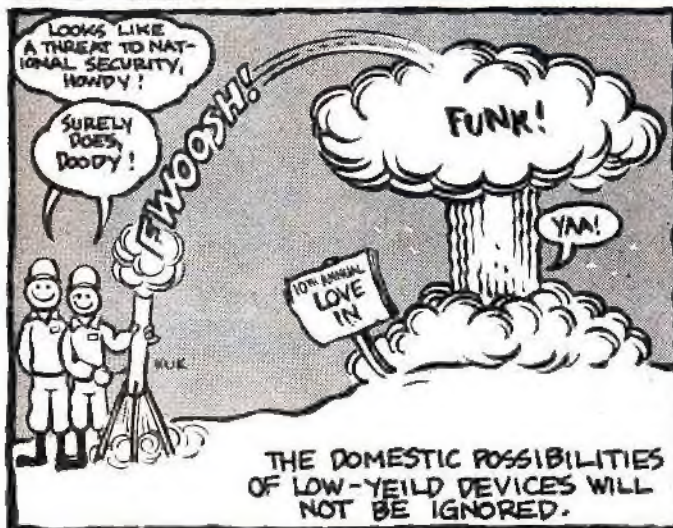
DO THE FUNKY
DUCK, DONALD.

SO NOW WE GOT THE NEUTRON BOMB. JESUS! AT LEAST WITH THE A-BOMB WE KNEW IT WOULD ALL BE OVER IN A FEW SECONDS.. NOW THEY'VE EVEN TAKEN THAT AWAY FROM US. GAMMA DEATH RAY DEVICES ACCURATE A HALF A WORLD AWAY... AND THE TOILETS WILL STILL FLUSH FOR THE INVADING FORCES .. IT'S A BRAVE NEW WORLD.



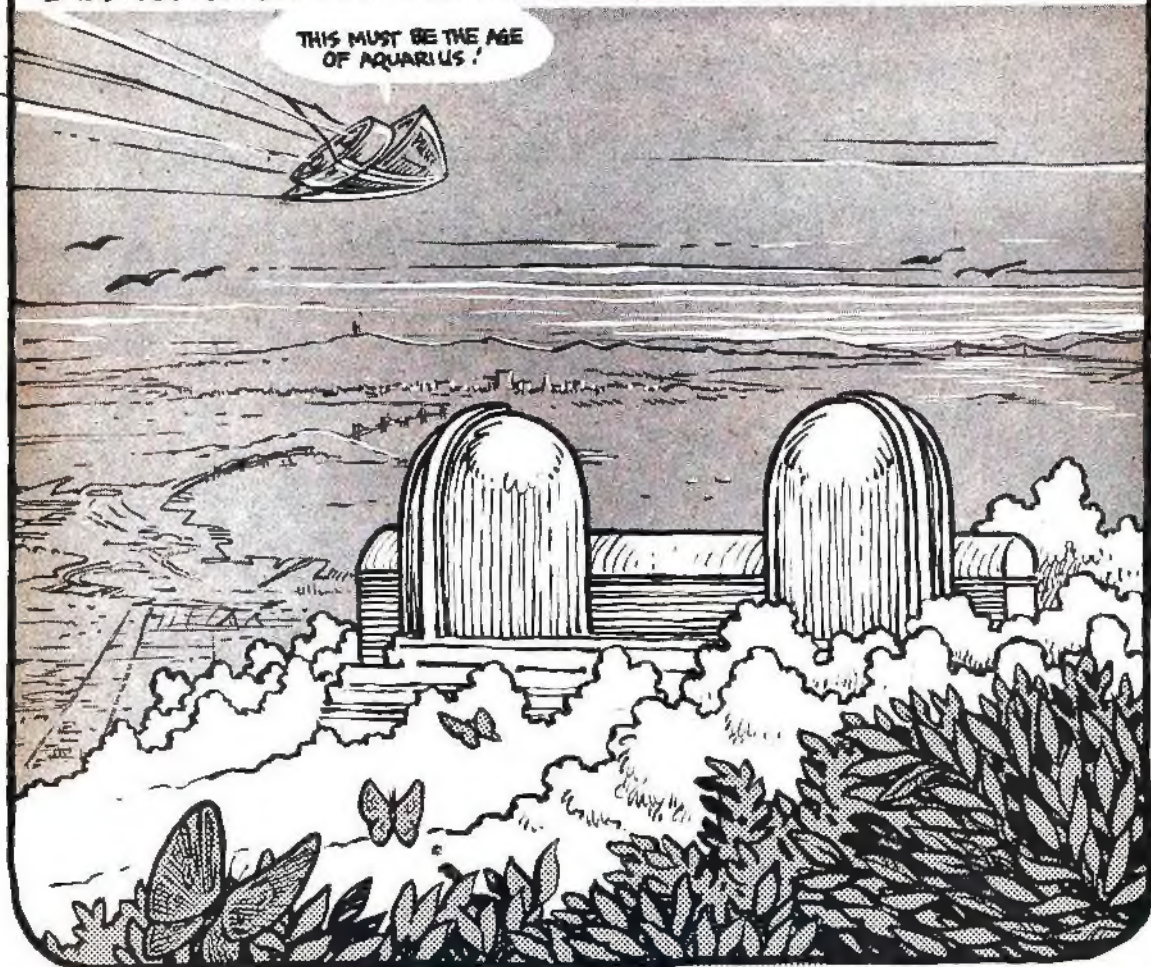
IT AIN'T GONNA STOP THERE, EITHER. IF THE ARMS BOYS ARE NOTHIN' ELSE, THEY'RE CLEVER. WHO KNOWS WHAT DIABOLICAL NEW DEVICES WE'LL SEE IN THE FUTURE? BETTER SHARPEN YOUR BUCK KNIVES, HIPPIES.

Russian BK-147 - Low yeild Gamma Radiation Device ① Hundreds of BK-147's land in shopping mall parking lots thruout America ② Device quickly converts ③ into clown-face ice cream truck and ④ Rolls systematically thru American real estate emitting snappy jingle and gamma death rays.



WHY GET OFF ON A BUMMER? LOOK AT THE BRIGHT SIDE. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TURNED TO THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY. THE STRIFE OF THE 60'S AND 70'S PASSED LIKE A BAD DREAM. THE 80'S SAW THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA... HUNDREDS OF CLEAN, SAFE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS PROVIDED JOBS, ENERGY, AND SECURITY FOR ALL. A PROGRESSIVE, ENLIGHTENED ADMINISTRATION USHERED IN THE TRUE ATOMIC AGE...

THIS MUST BE THE AGE
OF AQUARIUS!



THE POISONOUS BI-PRODUCTS OF ECOTOPIA '84 WERE SAFELY
DISPOSED OF...



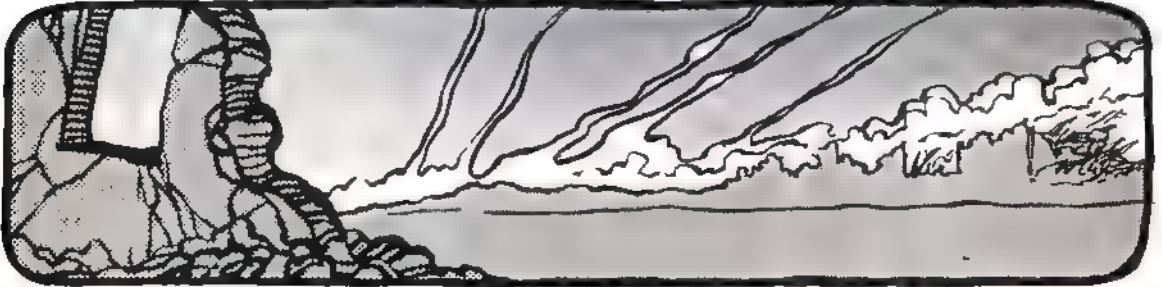
MANKIND LIVING IN A HARMONIOUS BALANCE
WITH HIS ENVIRONMENT .. A SCHEME WITH A MAJOR
FAULT.

RUMMMMMMMB! BMMBLE!

THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PLANETS, THE WOBBLE OF THE EARTH, THE FORCES BUILDING SINCE 1906... IT ALL SPELLED 9.6 ON THE RICHTER.

THE FATE OF THE LATE GREAT GOLDEN STATE.

NO BOMB EXPLODED OVER THE CITY. NO BOMB SPREAD IT'S WAVE OF POISONOUS DEVASTATION ACROSS THE LAND... YET THE DESTRUCTION WAS AS COMPLETE AS ANY BOMBING. THE FORCES OF NATURE..THE VISION OF FOOLS..



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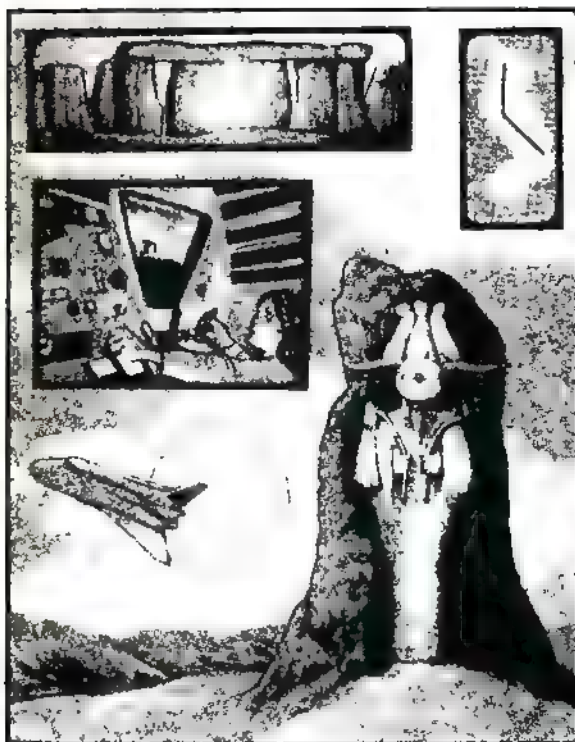
The module containing Faustus had been orbiting for decades. His body had slept while his mind floated on alpha and beta waves. Computers wove subliminal grids in his memory cells. His blood lay as cold as the blackness outside. But his will to survive had forced his mind to dream of a future - a future at any price. And finally it came from behind the moon and sighted him. The space shuttle swallowed a frozen spacecoffin and disgorged a warm and breathing Faustus. His first real memory was when he was introduced to the Commander . . .



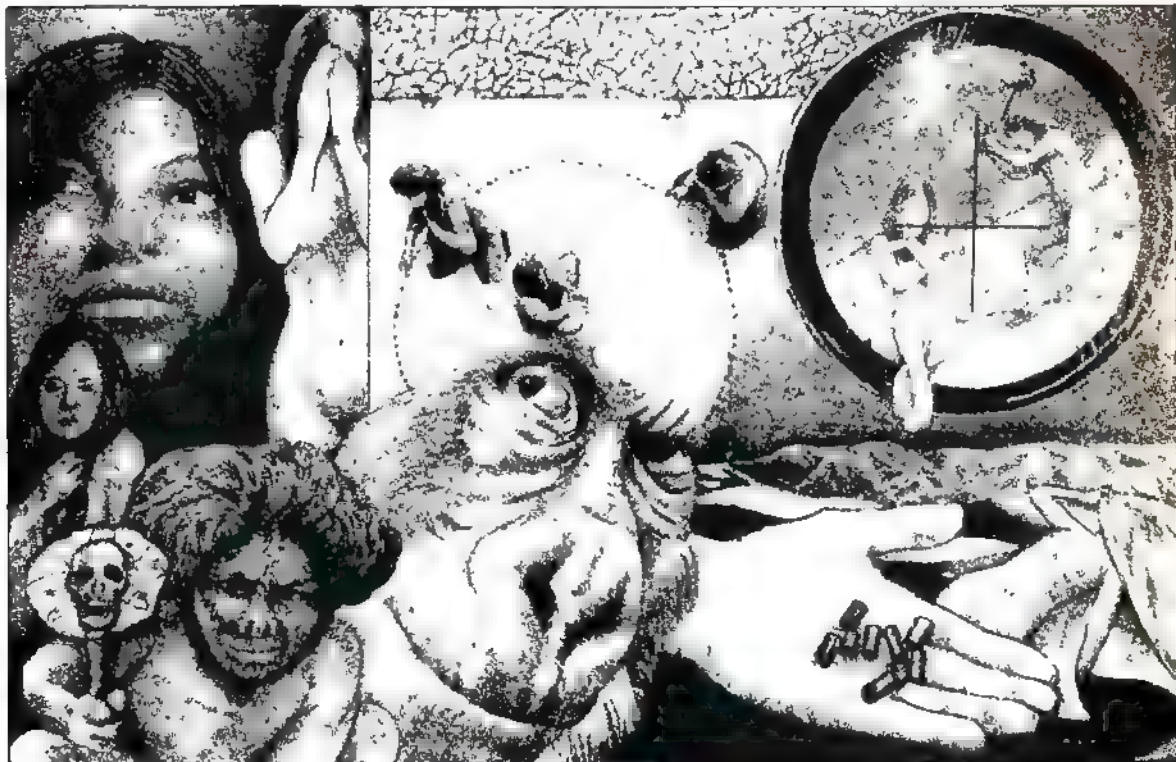


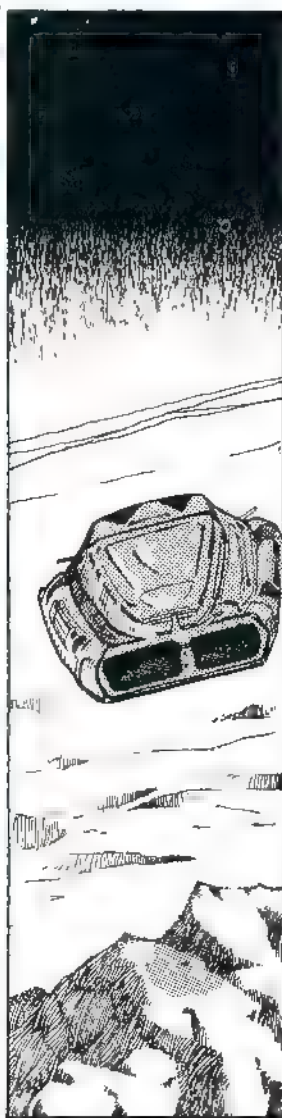
Then the horizon came up fast as the shuttle picked its way through the clouds, and in no time they were skirting water. Mother Earth for the first time Faustus had reclaimed his birthright. He had never been told why they had denied it for so long. Even the Commander's grim satisfaction at the desolate landscape they soon passed over was lost on Faustus. But his joy was forgotten as they skimmed the surface. The specks on the horizon became ominous shadows, and as they drew close the shadows stood tall as the guardians of a lost world beyond, where the rules of life were suspended, and the logic of destruction reigned supreme.





As they drew nearer the central monument the ship's computers directed their scan pattern. Faustus looked behind every rock for evidence of human life. It was near nightfall when he saw a small group of grim figures marching up the canyon. He saw the girl last, her beauty withering in terror. What happened next took him a long time to understand. The deformed faces, the pathetic ceremonial circle of fire, the execution, the backward state of his world — it was only when he magnified film of that event from the ship's cameras did he see the uranium pellets held by the monsters, and recalled his silent bargain — **A future at any price.**





ANOTHER NAMELESS PLANET, PROFESSOR. WONDER WHAT, IF ANYTHING WE'LL FIND HERE... WE'VE FOUND NOTHING ON THE LAST TWO.

YES...

BUT MY SENSORS READ DEFINITE LIFE HERE... SO WE BEST LOOK AROUND.

HARD TO MAGINE ANY LIFE IN THIS DESOLATE...

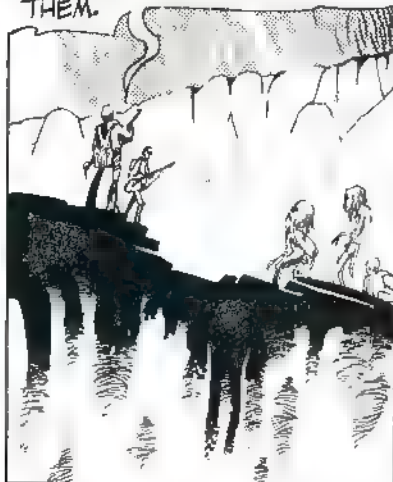
BUT THERE IS...
LOOK!



CANT SEEM TO COMMUNICATE W. TH THEM... I DONT THINK THEY SPEAK OR EVEN HEAR.

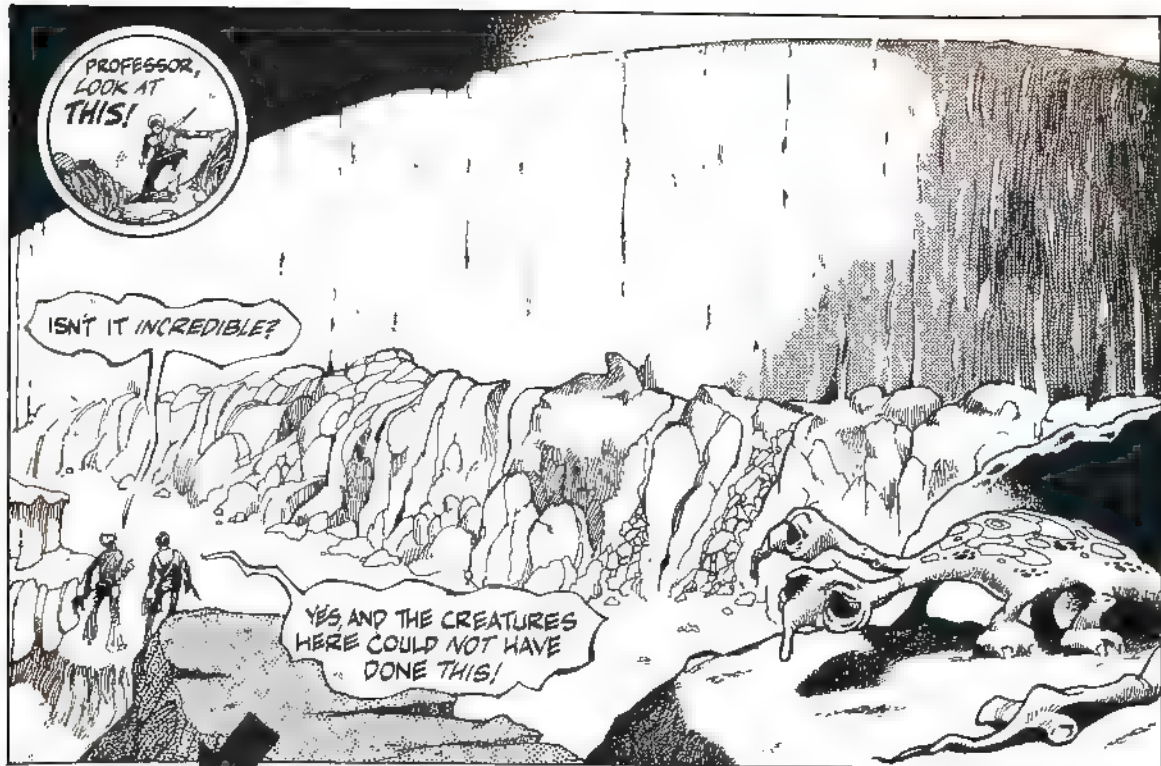


THEY SEEM PRIMITIVE BUT NOT HOSTILE I DONT THINK WE'LL HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THEM.



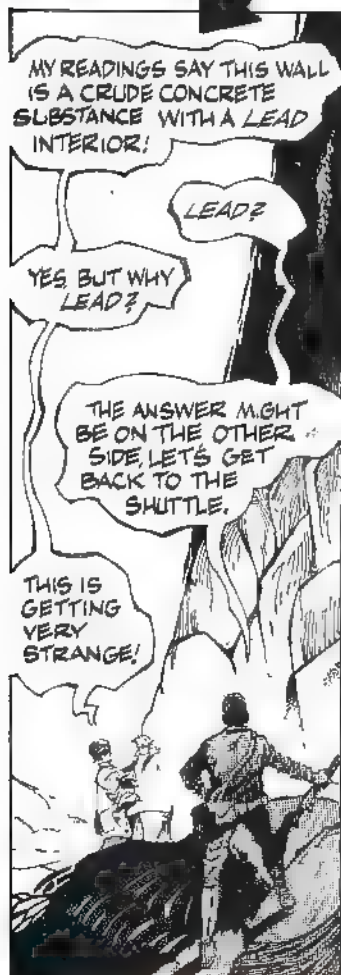
LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN FIND.





ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE?

YES, AND THE CREATURES
HERE COULD NOT HAVE
DONE THIS!



MY READINGS SAY THIS WALL
IS A CRUDE CONCRETE
SUBSTANCE WITH A LEAD
INTERIOR!

LEAD?

YES BUT WHY
LEAD?

THE ANSWER MIGHT
BE ON THE OTHER
SIDE, LET'S GET
BACK TO THE
SHUTTLE.

THIS IS
GETTING
VERY
STRANGE!



DO YOU THINK THIS WALL WAS BUILT BY ANOTHER CIVILIZATION
PROFESSOR, FAR BEFORE THIS ONE?

THAT'S WHAT I HOPE WE
CAN FIND OUT CAPTAIN. WHY
THE WALL...WHAT PURPOSE
DID IT SERVE?



AT ONE TIME, POSSIBLY THOUSANDS OF YEARS
AGO...THIS AREA WAS HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE. IT'S
SAFE NOW, BUT IT WAS VERY VERY HOT!



I THINK WE HAVE OUR SOLUTION.

IT'S A SHRINE OR A TEMPLE
OF SOME KIND.

IT WASN'T A SHRINE...THE LAY
OUT IS SIMILAR TO THOSE I
RECALL FROM LATE 20TH
CENTURY HISTORY BOOKS...
NO, CAPTAIN...THIS WAS A
A NUCLEAR
REACTOR!

BUT THOSE
BEINGS, HOW
COULD THEY...



SIMPLE... THEY WERE ADVANC-
ED TO THE POINT EARTH WAS.
THEY MUST HAVE HAD SOME
KIND OF MISHAP AN ACCID-
ENT. THE WHOLE PLANET MUST
HAVE BEEN CONTAMINATED...
THE WALL WAS AN EFFORT TO
SEAL THINGS OFF. THEY MUST
HAVE ABANDONED ALL
NUCLEAR ACTIVITY... THEY
KNEW THAT IT WAS A
MISTAKE, A HORRIFYING ONE!



BUT IT WAS TOO LATE, THE
ENTIRE POPULATION HAD
BEEN EXPOSED--THE NEXT
GENERATION WAS MUTATED.
THE ENTIRE CULTURE WAS
LOST... WE MIGHT AS WELL
RETURN TO THE SHIP...
THERE'S NOTHING WE
CAN DO HERE!

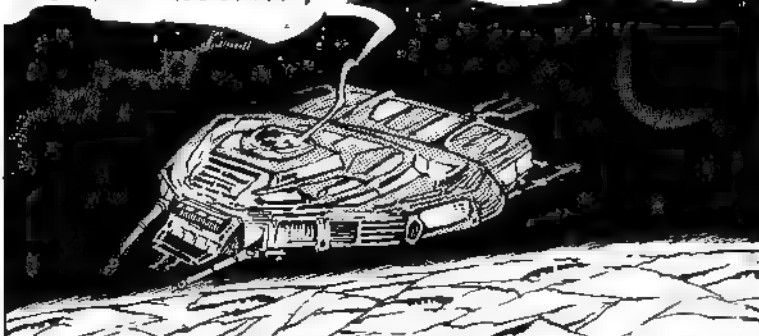


YOU SEEM QUIET
TONIGHT PROFESSOR
SOMETHING ON
YOUR MIND?

I
WAS JUST
THINKING...



HOW MANY MILLIONS OF YEARS HAVE PASSED FOR THEM
TO HAVE EVOLVED TO THE POINT WHERE IT ALL WENT AWAY?
ALL THE SET BACKS... PLAGUES WARS... THE PROGRESS,
DISCOVERIES... IF ONLY THEY HAD CHOSE AN ALTERNATE
SOURCE OF POWER... AND SHOULD THEY EVOLVE OUT OF THE
PRESENT MUTANT STATE, WILL THEY MAKE THE VERY
SAME MISTAKE... DISCOVER NUCLEAR POWER AND HAVE
ANOTHER... ACCIDENT?



I KNOW SIR... ALL WE CAN DO
IS PRAY THAT IF THEY EVER
REACH THAT POINT THEY WON'T
MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE!

YES, CAPTAIN...
LET'S HOPE IT
DOESN'T HAPPEN
AGAIN...



NOW IT CAN BE TOLD!! IT'S CAPTAIN COBALT AND AC-DC VS. THE LEGIONS OF AUNTIE NUKE AND NALPH VADER IN.....

LIGHTS OUT!

COME ON, AC-DC—WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM BEFORE THEY PLUNGE THE WORLD INTO... DARKNESS!!

INJUNCTION

OH YES! WE'VE GOT JUST MILLIONS OF MICRO-WAVE OVENS AND TRASH COMPACTORS DEPENDING ON US!

SIT DOWN, BILLY & SUSIE... WHILE I TELL YOU A STORY!

OBOY!
OBOY!

"LIKE" MAN... WE NEED A NEW "GIGSVILLE," DADDY-O... "LIKE," SINCE WE ENGINEERED THE HUMILIATING DEFEAT OF THE U.S. IN VIET-NAM, IT'S BEEN "DRAG-CITY."

"REET!"

PASS THE "BONGOS!"

OUR CAMPAIGN TO DRAG THE WORLD INTO GLORIOUS DEPRESSION IS FAILING!

Once upon a time in the very shadow of our Capitol, a nefarious scheme was hatched.....



WE'VE GOT TO CREATE SOME NEW OBSTACLE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE MERCILESS JUGGERNAUT OF UNBRIDLED CAPITALISM! WE NEED A NEW TARGET!

THAT'S IT! WE'LL STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS!

WE COULD CALL IT- "FUCK AN A!" "DIG?"

"DIG" THIS! "ATOMIC PLANT CONSTRUCTION APPROVED!"

"RIGHT ON" "BROTHER"

"GROOVY" "LIKE"!

PASS THE "REEFERS"

"LESS IS MORE More or LESS" -B. Fuller

BAN EVERY "LIKE"

SOMETIME LATER... AT THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS OUT TO STOP NUCLEAR ENERGY AND PLUNGE US INTO A NEW DARK AGE !!

I'VE CALLED UPON YOU IN DESPERATION....

DIXIE LEE RADIATION

YOU GENTLEME...ER-WHATEVER-KNOW MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE THE BENEFITS OF MASSIVE GENETIC MUTATION! IN FACT, YOU OWE YOUR VERY CONFIGURATIONS TO IT!

I AUTHORIZE YOU TO TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO COMBAT THIS MENACE AND CONVINCE THE PUBLIC OF THE NECESSITY OF

FUCK AN 'A'!

DON'T SAY THAT!

HMPH! YOU SHOULD TALK!

ATOMIC POWER! YOU WILL HAVE THE FULL COOPERATION OF THE F.B.I., C.I.A., THE NETWORKS, FORBES MAGAZINE, & RON "LAST ECO-TURNER'S GASP" FUNNIES!

ATOMIC LAVA

SIDE
SPV

100 YEAR OLD
2 HEADED
SHEEP

GOLLY

EXTREME

"WE ALMOST
LOST
DETROIT"
PPR

OLYMPIC DRINK TEAM

INDIRA, BABY-EXPLODE THAT A-BOMB
AND CINCH THE ELECTION-
O SWEAT! FILTHY

FILTHY
BEGGER!

THE TUCKER CAR WORKED
AND SO WILL SOLAR
POWER/SIGN THE
PETITION!

Petition
 Stamp out
 Pollution

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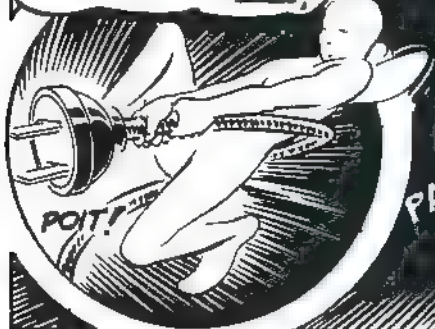
THEIR TREACHERY KNEW NO LIMITS /
HERE, KID- PUBLISH THIS PAPER
ON "HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN A-BOMB
WITH STOLEN PLUTONIUM" AND
YOU'LL BE FAMOUS!

CONSERVE / SAVE / CUT BACK /
WE NEED NO MORE GENER-
ATING PLANTS /

POP:

BUT THE DIABOLICAL PSEUDO-INTELLECTUAL NIHILISTS ARE COUNTERED WITH A VENGEANCE!

I'LL CONVINCE THE DIE-HARD EAST COAST LIBERAL ESTABLISHMENT BY PULLING THE PLUG!



HALP! WE RUN OUTTA ELECTRICITY!

WE GOTTA GET US SOME THEM 'TOMIC PLANTS!

SAY! THAT'S A SWELL IDEA!

PANIC! LOOT! RIOT! MUG! PILLAGE! HUMPI!

...AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I'LL DO IT AGAIN!

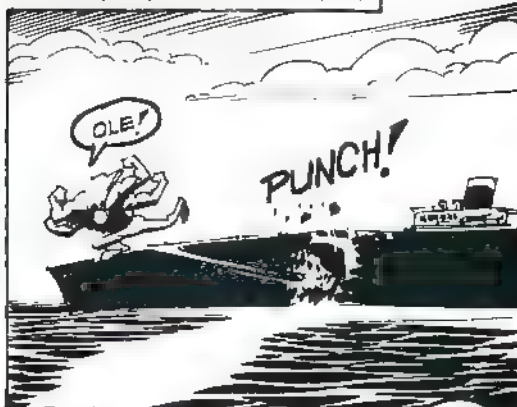


... AND ABROAD...

LOOK, FRIEND - IF YOU EMBARGO OIL, YOU CAN NAME YOUR PRICE!



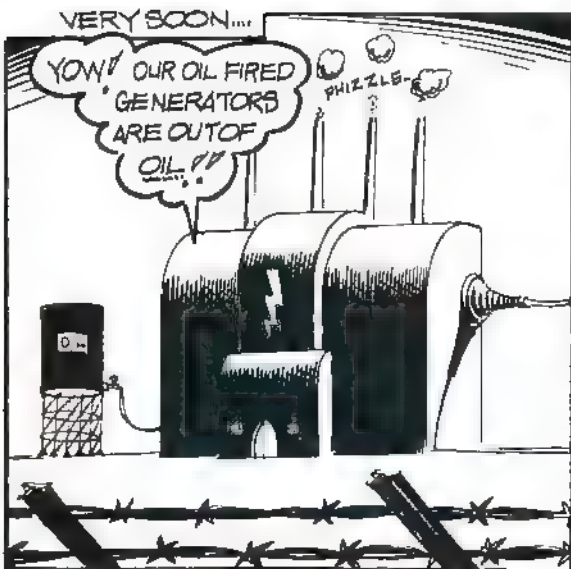
AT SEA, A RASH OF OIL SPILLS SQUEEZES THE SUPPLY EVEN MORE...



VERY SOON...

YOW! OUR OIL FIRED GENERATORS ARE OUT OF OIL!!

PHIZZLE...



AND SO...

WHAT YOU NEED, MR. & MRS. AMERICA IS... ATOMIC POWER!!



FINALLY— THE INEVITABLE CLASH BETWEEN THE POSITIVE AND JOB CREATING FORCES OF UNLIMITED GROWTH —AND— THE MALEVOLENT, NEGATIVE & DEFEATIST FORCES OF WANT AND DARKNESS??

LISTEN, FOLKS— DO YOU WANT YOUR UNBORN TO LOOK LIKE 3 HEADED POLLIWOBS? DO YOU WANT TO BE TURNED INTO LUMINESCENT, STEAMING HASH?

WHINE... SNIVEL... WHIMPER.....

REMOTE POSSIBILITIES OUTWEIGHED BY THE BENEFITS OF AN EVER EXPANDING ECONOMY FUELED BY A HEALTHY INSATIABLE LUST FOR CONSUMPTION?

BIG RALLY TODAY!
GOOD
VS.
EVIL!

MORE JOBS! MORE OVERTIME!
MORE ELECTRIC DOO-DADS!
WE DESERVE IT!

WELL...THERE'LL BE ANOTHER DAY AND ANOTHER CAUSE....

WE SCUTTLED THE B.S.T.— WHY NOT GET OUR NEW HICK PRESIDENT TO SHOOT DOWN THE B-1 BOMBER?
...AND THEN THERE'S ALWAYS GUN CONTROL?

WOW! THAT WAS A SWELL STORY, DADDY— IS THAT THE END??

WELL....

NOT EXACTLY, BILLY AND SUSIE....

YES, IT WAS JUST A STORY... BUT ITS PURPOSE WAS TO ILLUSTRATE JUST ONE BATTLE THAT IS GOING IN AMERICA TODAY... A BATTLE WHOSE OUTCOME HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED! ONLY YOU CAN DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU, JOANIE LITTLE BILLY, SUSIE AND GOOD OLD SPOT WILL FREEZE IN THE DARK??

LET'S GO SWIMMING IN OUR GAMMA HEATED POOL, SUSIE!

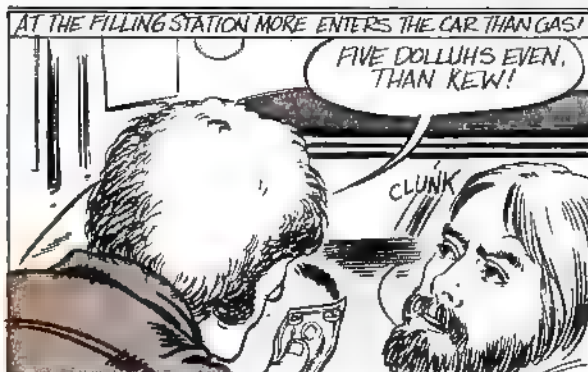
WILL YOU AS AN AMERICAN, EXERCISE YOUR GOD GIVEN RIGHT TO HEAT YOUR SWIMMING POOL TO BOILING, BURN ALL YOUR LIGHTS, AND DRIVE YOUR WINNEBAGO 2 BLOCKS TO COL. SAUNDERS?

AMERICA— IT'S UP TO YOU !!!

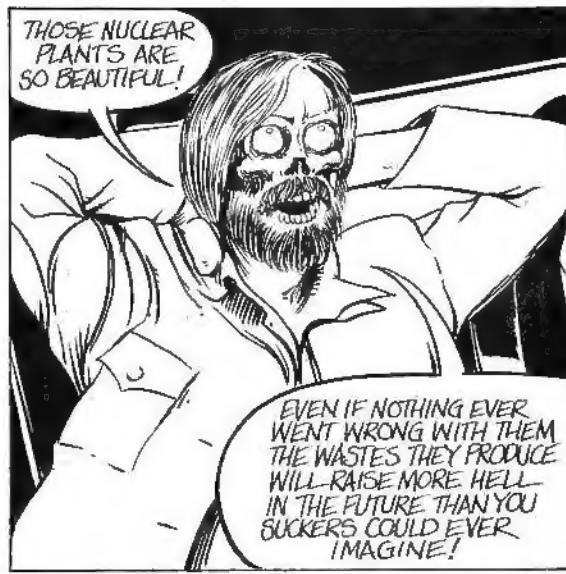
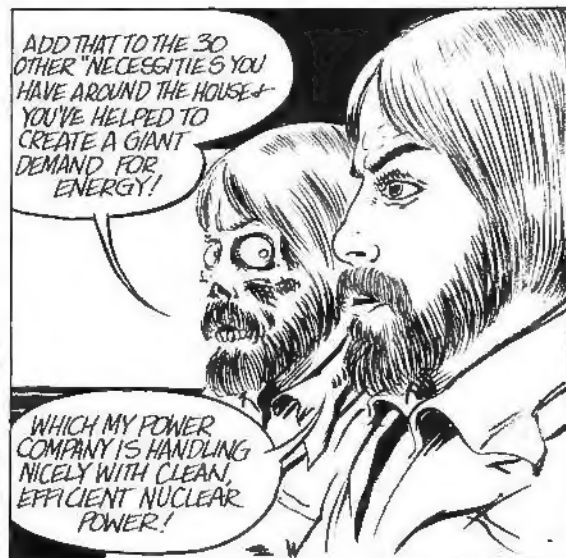
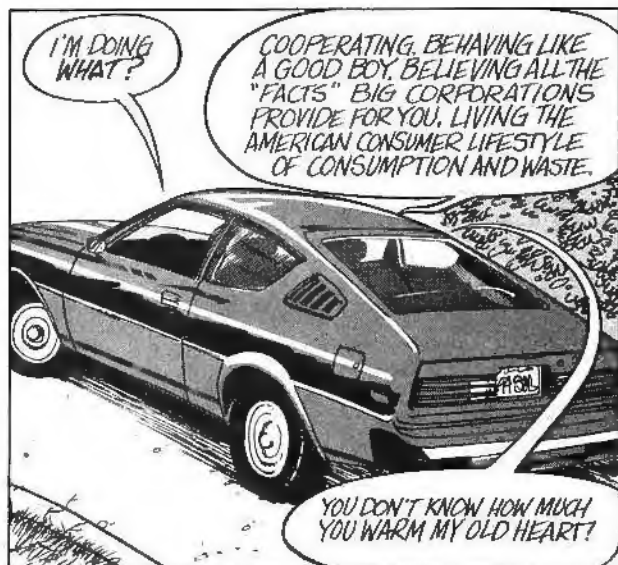
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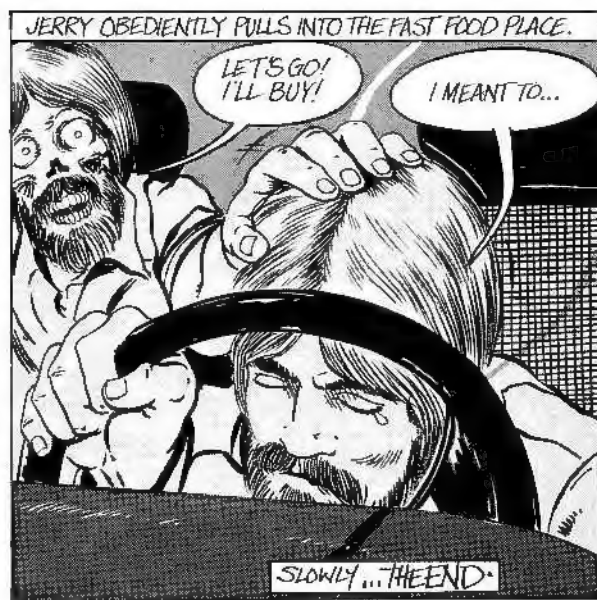
THE 1980'S FIND JERRY A CHANGED MAN - SUCCESSFUL AND ON THE MOVE! BUT AS THEY SAY "THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME" AND WHEN DEATH DROPS IN FOR A VISIT HE'S FACED WITH ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE...

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH A BLURRED MIND











THE
COMMON
GOOD

Now... that's what I
call a full moon!

One fond
farewell
photo!

Mother Earth needs your help!! Vote for
the **Abortion of Progress**!! "Plug in"
to your local **Right to Light** committee!!